



OVERPORT NEWS

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Dates to remember:

October

Fri 27th RACV Challenge
free dress day
Prep-Yr 3 Swimming

Mon 30th Yr 5 Urban camp
Begins

November

Wed 1st Yr 5 Urban Camp
return

Thurs 2nd Rugby League
Gala day
Milk & Cookie Day

Fri 3rd Prep-Yr 3 Swimming
Yr 5/6 Family Life

Mon 6th PUPIL FREE DAY

Tues 7th Melbourne Cup Day

Wed 8th Kinder-Prep Transition

Thurs 9th Yr 1-6 Transition

Fri 10th CHRISTMAS MARKET
YR 5/6 Family Life



REMINDER

Excursion and
Incursion Levy
Term 4

This levy is now
overdue. Please pay
ASAP

Thought of the week:

*No pessimist ever
discovered the secret of
the stars, or sailed to an
uncharted land or opened
a new heaven to the
horizon of the spirit.*

*Helen Keller – 1880-
1968.*

From the Principal's Desk.

School Structure for 2018.

Based on our current known enrolments, we are anticipating having 31 classes next year. We are attending to reduce class sizes across the school. This will mean 5 x preps, 6 x 1s, 4 x 2s, 4 x 3s, 4 x 4s, 1 x 4/5s, 3 x 5s and 4 x 6s. We will be extending our specialists program to accommodate the extra classes. In 2018 we are introducing a technology specialist program alternating prep to 2 and 3 to 6 for a semester each.

If you have a request for student's class placement, please forward this in writing to me by the end of next week. While we will consider all requests and wherever possible meet these, the school will make the final decision based on each child's educational needs.

Working Bee

Our first Sunday working bee was attended by a small but enthusiastic group of parents and staff. As well as fixing the fencing around a beautiful Japanese Garden, flat packs were put together for 2018 classroom spaces, shade cloth around established trees was removed and many other areas were addressed. A special mention of appreciation to Mrs Hearn for painting the new fencing prior to it being attached. Thank you to everyone who attended.



School Data Success

We have just received our School Level Report from the department outlining our school data. It was with pleasure that I read the wonderful improvements in students' growth in Reading and Numeracy in Naplan. In reading there has been an increase in the number of students operating in the top two bands, a significant reduction of those operating in the bottom two bands and a significant increase in those student who achieved high growth from years 3 to 5 in the matched cohort. In numeracy, there has been a significant increase in the number of students operating in the top two bands, a significant reduction of those operating in the bottom two bands and a significant increase in those student who achieved high growth from years 3 to 5 in the matched cohort. Congratulations to the students for their hard work and to the staff for their obvious capacity to support students at their point of need. This also demonstrates the academic excellence we offer to our students.





Josh 6C, Hazel 2B,
Lachy 6C, Taj 2A, Molly
2A, Thomas 2D, Deon
4A, Kassi PC, Lila 1C,
Arianna 2B, Lucy 4A,
Madison 5A, Darcy 4C,
Brixton PE, Mia
5B, Sapphie PE, Drew
PE, Jasmine 1C, Gerika
4B, Abby 4C, Alan 4C,
Denis 5C, Gemma 6D,
Lena 4A, Sam 5C, Jas-
mine 5 B, Olivia 3D, Jai
4B, Ethan 4A



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Our Parent Opinion Survey results are also very pleasing. We had 110 responses to the survey. Of those surveyed, in the area of 'General Satisfaction', 89% were highly satisfied. In the area of 'Physical Environment', 95% were highly satisfied. In the measure for 'High Expectation for Success', 89% of parents were highly satisfied and 80% answered in the positive for 'Student Motivation and Support'. It was particularly pleasing to see the growth in parent confidence of student safety at school, with 90% believing that the school strongly promotes positive behaviours.

Some areas for improvement included 'Teacher Communication' with only 74% positive answers and 'Student Agency and Voice', with 79% satisfied. While these results are generally excellent, your opinions assists us to target areas for school improvement to meet the needs of our student community. Thank you to those parents who completed the survey.

Christmas Market



We are well on the way to organising our delightful annual Christmas Market which will be held on Friday, 10th November. Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, we will not be able to have the planned fireworks; however, we are confident that it will be a great night. Over 60 stalls have already booked. This week you would have received a yellow flyer requesting your help. Even half an hour on the BBQ or Knick Knack stall, selling raffle tickets, or helping set up will be most appreciated. Many hands will make light work; so please indicate on the form where you'd be able to assist and return to us as soon as possible. Thank you in advance.

House Athletics Day.

On Tuesday our students participated in the House Athletics. The weather was beautiful, and the children ran, hurdled, jumped and generally had a great time with an enormous amount of parents watching and helping. A huge thank you to Mr Lucas and Miss Brennan for their wonderful organisation and to the staff who also enjoyed the relaxed atmosphere and terrific sportsmanship yet competitive spirit of the students. The winning house will be announced at assembly next Monday.

Kind Regards,
Julie Gleeson Principal.



Year Level Reminders for this week:

Foundation: The Peps will be writing and posting letters to Santa. Please send in a stamped envelop as per emailed instruction. Don't forget to keep sunscreen in your bag and that swimming is Friday.

Year 1: We are encouraging our students to bring their own sunscreen in their bag to apply to themselves before playing outside. It would be a great idea to pack this if you have not already for your child to use. Thank you.

Year 2: A reminder to please ensure that all swimming items are named for swimming sessions each week.

Year 3: If you are interested in helping contact books, could you please contact you child's teachers soon as possible.

Year 4: Continue to practise your timetables to help improve Blitzmaster scores.

Year 5: Remember we have camp next week. Make sure you get plenty of sleep and arrive at the station (Tasman Meats at 8.30 - 8.45 am Monday)

Year 6: Time to return all camp medical and consent forms to classroom teachers.

Assistant Principal's Report

Take a STAND against cyberbullying

The increase in smart phones usage, the ease and speed of sharing images, access to social media and the popularity of online gaming have unfortunately increased cyber safety issues and the rate of online bullying. To ensure the safety of our students in an on-line environment teachers and parents must work together to educate our students around the risks and consequences of inappropriate on-line behaviour. The Department of Education has extensive information available for educators, students and families on cyber safety and cyberbullying. One piece of advice provided by the department and promoted by our school is to 'Take a STAND against cyberbullying'.

- S** Silence. Do not respond to abusive messages. The number one rule for dealing with cyberbullying is: don't respond, don't interact and don't engage.
- T** Take a copy of all abusive messages. These may be useful legally later on. Use the screen shot feature on your phone or tablet to copy to record what has been sent.
- A** Accept that bullies don't think like you do. Trying to sort it out with them or asking them to stop won't work. Recognise that you are not dealing with a person who has the same mindset as your self. Cyberbullies are cowards who often try to hide their identity and behave in nasty ways to build themselves up and to put other people down
- N** Never deal with this problem alone. Get help!
- D** Don't be provoked. Some cyberbullies 'troll' or play 'the baiting game'. A cyber bully makes a provocative comment is made, watches, and waits for a response. Become an observer. Although you may be the target of the bully's anger, you can train yourself to act as an observer. This takes you out of the firing line and enables you to study the bully and collect evidence.

For further information please follow the links listed below to the Department of Education information pages or chat to your child's classroom teacher.

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/bullystoppers/Pages/advicecybersafe.aspx>

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Tess Higgins

Assistant Principal

'OVERPORT CARES' AWARDS

These certificates are awarded at assembly each week for children who have excelled in an academic or social endeavour throughout the previous week.

16th October

Isla PA, Bella PB, Chris PC, Ryan PD, Riley PE, Robbie PF, Jordana 1A, James 1B, Jake 1C, Kiara 1D, Taj 2A, Sienna 2C, Eliza 2D, Ben 3A, Jack 3B, Zoran 3B, Thomas 3C, Rina 3D, Nahal 4A, Matilda 4B, Alan 4C, Nick 5B, All of 5C, Jayden 5D, Georgy 6A, Hannah 6B, Lexus 6C, Tim 6D

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23d October

Indi PA, Annabelle PB, Taj PC, Evan PE, Drew PF, Audrey 1A, All of 1B, Bella-Rose 1C, Kirby 1D, Luke 2A, Arianna 2B, Kira 2C, Poppy 2D, Amelia 3A, Riley 3C, Olivia 4B, Jai 4B, Jo 4C, Sheetal 5A, Shayla 5B, Reece 5C, Lily 5D, Harry 6A, Joel 6B, Ixzy 6C, Ruby 6D



DIVISIONAL SPORTS

WELL DONE!



ATHLETICS CARNIVAL



Reminder

**Monday 6th Nov Pupil
Free Day**

Extend will definitely offer 'Out of hours school care' on our curriculum day (pupil free day) on Monday 6th Nov. They will not cancel regardless of enrolments; however, parents should book as soon as possible..

RACV DAY 2017 FRIDAY 27th October

Raising money to support the RACV energy Breakthrough Competition



FREE DRESS – GOLD COIN

CHOCOLATE COIN TOSS – GOLD COIN

CART RIDES 50 cents

& A SPECIAL EVENT FOR THIS YEAR -

AIM A WET SPONGE AT A TEACHERS FACE

\$1 = 1 throw

\$2.00 = 3 throws



Canteen News

**Morning Munchies are on
next Thursday November
2nd**

**Forgotten to put your
order in. We will take
late orders tomorrow
Friday at the latest.**

Extend OSHC at Overport Primary School

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The past few weeks at Extend before and after school care have been super exciting.

We have a new Team Leader named Courtney- She is currently completing her Bachelor of Education at Monash University, she loves to be outdoors and playing outdoor activities/games with the children at the service and her pride and joy is her puppy, Yogi!

We are all very sad to see Kelly go and we are very grateful for all of her time and effort over the years; we wish her all the best on her new journey in Queensland with her family and whatever the future holds.

As we all know we have a very active group of children who love to be outside so we have had a great week playing lots of activities, inc; Basketball, running races, octopus, fruit salad, heads down thumbs up, tiggy, frisbee and plenty of other games!

Please stay tuned for our upcoming cricket clinic that will be happening at the service; the date will be finalised in the coming weeks. We also made lots of slime and did lots of creative construction craft activities.

Our Extend Superstar is:

Darcy 4C ... for his positive attitude at the service and his willingness to help with little tasks.

ONLINE BOOKINGS: extend.com.au
CALL OUR OFFICE: 1300 366 437

What's on next week?

Monday 30 October

Cooking: Muesli Bars

Tuesday 31 October

Science: Lemon Fizz and Coke Explosion

Wednesday 1 November

Physical Play: Skipping Competition

Thursday 2 November

Craft: Making Pillows

Friday 3 November

Craft: Continue on with Pom Poms